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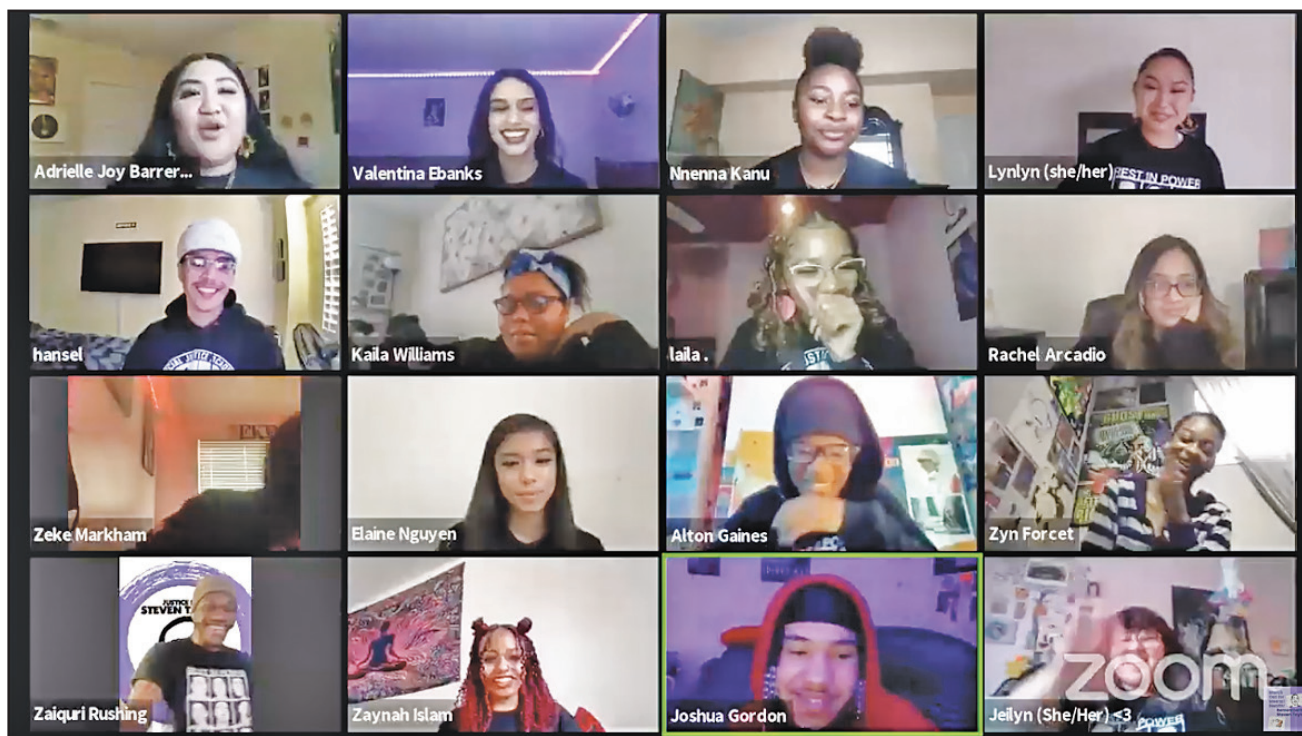
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Young People Speak Out on Virtual Forum



High school students expressed their views in an open and honest discussion last Thursday in a forum, 'March Out for Mental Health: Remembering Steven Taylor,' that can be seen on Youtube.

High school students want city leaders, grownups to hear what they have to say

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

San Leandro High students held a virtual forum to support mental health and to remember Steven Taylor last Thursday.

Dozens of students spoke over Zoom and the forum ran live on Youtube where it can be viewed under "March Out for Mental Health: Remembering Steven Taylor."

Many students were very forthright in talking about their own mental health issues. The conversation reflected a group of thoughtful students who are considerate of one another and informed of what's going on in the world.

They also didn't hold back on what they saw as shortcomings of society, city government, the police department, and the school district.

"The tokenization of students of color happens way too often in San Leandro," said student Adrielle Joy Barrera. "We are used for pictures on websites, brochures and social media posts but our basic needs are not met and not cared about."

The student said that politicians and school board members use their images in their campaigns. "But when the camera shuts off we go back to our regular programming while they go back to their privileged bubble."

Steven Taylor would not have been shot and killed if city leaders and the police department understood more about mental illness, a student said.

"Fifteen seconds: That's how long it took for the San Leandro police to pull a gun on a man going through a mental health crisis," said student Nicholas Petrequin.

In some cultures, talking about mental health problems is

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Meeting on Selecting New City Manager

The San Leandro City Council invites the public's participation in the recruitment of the next city manager at a town hall meeting on Saturday, April 3, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Go to the city's website (sanleandro.org) for a Zoom link to the meeting where you can virtually meet the final candidates for the city manager job.

Applications from across the country have been received, and the City Council is narrowing down the field. The city manager's role is to implement public policies adopted by the City Council and oversee the daily operations of city government.

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Cops Decry Attacks Against Asian Americans

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Recent attacks against Asian Americans have prompted Alameda County law enforcement to step up protection of those most vulnerable in Asian communities, such as seniors.

Sheriff Greg Ahern spoke last

week with the Chamber of Commerce in Oakland's Chinatown, at the request of Rick da Silva with Loh Realty and Wellington Property, following recent incidents of violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Stories of these incidents have caught the national

attention in recent weeks.

According to the Pew Research Center survey, three in 10 Asian Americans (31%) report having experienced racial slurs or racist jokes since the beginning of the pandemic last year.

"Sheriff Ahern essentially let the Chamber know that the Alameda County law enforcement community supports Asian Americans and will protect them," said Alameda County Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly. "He has also discussed with his command staff the need for increased

foot patrols where deputies can talk to people in Asian communities."

Acting San Leandro Police Chief Luis Torres said in a statement last week that the San Leandro Police Department stands united with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

"The recent increase in hate crimes against the Asian community is not something we take lightly," Torres said. "As your Chief, I urge San Leandro

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Downtown Farmers' Market Opens

The downtown San Leandro Farmers' Market opened on Wednesday in its 14th annual season on Parrott and East 14th streets – with pandemic safety precautions in place.

The market will run every Wednesday through Oct. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m., sponsored by the City of San Leandro and the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association. The market provides fresh fruits and vegetables in open-air surroundings and gives local farmers an outlet to sell their produce.

Certified Farmers' Markets are Essential Businesses that may

continue to operate with modified operations under the Alameda County Shelter-In-Place order.

Market services are modified to focus only on the necessary purchasing of food and allow for social distancing and safe food handling. Safety modifications will include:

- Absolutely no sampling
- There will be limited hot food vending – to-go only
- Information booth will only have information on the coronavirus – no recipes or other info
- Tents will be spaced so as to reduce customer density

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Schools to Reopen with Hybrid Learning April 12

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

After more than a year of stay-at-home instruction, San Leandro schools are reopening under a hybrid learning model for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year starting April 12.

Families will be notified by Friday, March 26 regarding their cohort assignments for students

who will attend in-person.

A vote this past Monday by the San Leandro Teachers Association found more than 300 (76%) of its members approved the district's temporary contract. San Leandro employs 400 teachers for its twelve campuses including eight elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school,

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Dottie



Tiger

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Dottie the dog and Tiger the bunny.

Dottie is a friendly, 7-year-old girl who is super social, and is an absolute belly rub queen who walks well on leash and fancies herself a lap dog. Her favorite pastime is spending time with her favorite people.

Tiger is a male bunny who

is microchipped, neutered, vaccinated, and ready to go home. He has been in foster for several weeks and is hoping to find his forever home soon. He enjoys snacking on fresh greens and exploring his room.

For more information on Dottie or Tiger, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

COVID Vaccine and Cases

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Alameda County -

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San Leandro - 26,762

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Be an Arts and History Superhero

By Winda I. Shimizu
Special to the Times

Until March 28, two worthwhile non-profits — the Hayward Arts Council and the Hayward Area Historical Society — are joining forces to raise funds for their continued contributions to local culture.

Join at bit.ly/BeAHeroAuction and bid on all kinds of fabulous items, including unique artwork, virtual experiences, local restaurant gift cards and all kinds of gifts that are sure to please.

You can also choose to contribute to the Fund-A-Need items and support specific project initiatives for both non-profits.

So, if you value the culture of art and history in the Hayward area, plan on getting involved in the next two weeks. Either jump into the auction for art or history or restaurants, or simply donate, to help keep these valuable Hayward non-profits afloat in our community.

For more information, contact Winda Shimizu at Hayward Arts Council at hac@hayward-arts-council.org, or Marcess, at



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"Magical Mountains," an acrylic by Margaret Mary Robbins, is among the many original works of art at the Hayward Arts Council and the Hayward Area Historical Society Online Auction, though March 28. To bid, visit bit.ly/BeAHeroAuction

Hayward Area Historical Society at marcess@haywardareahistory.org.

Winda I. Shimizu is the Executive Director of the Hayward Arts Council.

City Manager: Questions welcome

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The city hired a consulting firm, CPS HR Consulting, which will facilitate the meeting via Zoom and is now seeking questions from the public to ask of the candidates. Questions should be submitted by March 31.

To submit a question, go to the city's website (sanleandro.org) and click on "Latest News"

for the link, or call 510-577-6076.

CPS HR will compile the submitted questions and may combine some questions according to common themes and issues. The candidates' biographies will be made available on the City of San Leandro website before the meeting.

Following the town hall, the public can email their feedback to CPS HR Consulting at anelson@cpshr.us, which will be communicated to the City Council for consideration.

The City Council said it looks forward to receiving questions and comments from the community on the search for the next city manager.

"Hiring the City Manager is possibly the most important decision the City Council will make, and community engagement is a critical component of the council's selection process," stated Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter. "The Town Hall is an opportunity for our community to be involved in the hiring process and get to know the candidates."

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Community Calendar

Teen Emoji Trivia Contest

Put your Emoji expertise to winning in the San Leandro Library's Teen Emoji Trivia contest and win a prize on Friday, March 26, at 4 p.m. Meet on Zoom. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/TeenEmoji> or visit www.sanleandro.org or call 510-577-3971.

Manor Community Clean-Up

Join City Councilman Bryan Azevedo for a community clean-up on Manor Boulevard on Saturday, March 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet at 88 Manor Market at 15056 Farnsworth St. (corner of Manor and Farnsworth). Prizes awarded for the top two garbage getters. Gloves, water, snacks, vests and garbage bags will be supplied.

Umpires Needed

The Hayward Softball Umpires Association is recruiting year-round to work paid HARD recreation softball games – men's, women's and co-ed slow pitch. We train all age groups. For more information, call the Education Director at 510-586-8592 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Book Discussion on Drawdown

Connect at one of these two virtual book discussion events, then share ideas and thoughts about Paul Hawken's *Drawdown*, a part of the library and Office of Sustainability's Book to Action event, "Go Green, San Leandro!" on Tuesday, March 30, at 6 p.m.; or Saturday, April 10, at 1 p.m. How can we apply the book's principles in our daily lives to make a difference about climate change? Register for this free event at sanleandrolibrary.org and receive a free copy of *Drawdown* while supplies last.

#ownvoices Adult Book Club

Join the San Leandro Library for a friendly and casual adult book club focused on #Own-voices books, a hashtag that started in 2015 to promote diverse authors and books, on Thursday, April 1, at 6 p.m. Diversify your reading list, learn about new perspectives and find aspects of your own experiences in the pages of a book. Come and chat about any #ownvoices books you've read (any genre, any format) or drop by and get some inspiration for your next read. Register at sanleandrolibrary.org for this free virtual event.

Chamber of Commerce Forum

The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce will host a virtual forum for health care services and personal care business owners, staff, and partners to connect on Tuesday, March 30, from

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/phc_connect to join the forum. Registration is required, space is limited. All are welcome, chamber members and future members alike. Receive the latest news from the Chamber of Commerce, the City of San Leandro, and Business Leaders. The SL Chamber of Commerce wants to hear from you. What victories or challenges is your industry facing? Do you have any specific needs? Are there new trends or forecasts that will affect the way you do business?

St. Felicitas Drive-Through Fish Bake

Catholic Daughter Court Mary Queen of the World is hosting a Drive-Through Fish Bake on Good Friday, April 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at St. Felicitas Church, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Adult dinners include three baked beer battered cod fillets, baked potato, coleslaw and roll for \$10. Children's menu (8 and under) is one piece cod fillet, mac-n-cheese, coleslaw and roll for \$5. Non-fish eaters may order all mac-n-cheese casserole. Desserts available for \$1: three cookies, or one slice of cake, or brownie; for children – Easter basket cupcake. Call Sheryl Smith at 510-352-5405 to order and for delivery time.

Davis Street's Virtual Fashion Show

Join Davis Street for a Virtual Fashion Show Fundraiser to support the well-being of 121 disabled adults served by the Davis Street Developmental Disabilities Program on Wednesday, April 7, at 6 p.m. Visit davisstreet.org for the link to the livestream. The virtual event will celebrate the creative potential in each of our artists, highlighting art pieces with a fashion show along with behind-the-scenes footage of our artists in their creative process. Art pieces, mosaics, clothing, and jewelry will be for sale via silent auction and raffle.

H.A.R.D. Picnic Table Rentals

The Hayward Area Recreation Dept. began registering park picnic rentals at eight sites last week, including Palomares Park, Alden E. Oliver Park, Birchfield Park, Cannery Park, Greenwood Park, San Felipe Park, San Lorenzo Park and Weekes Park. Only those with rental permits will be allowed to use the picnic tables. Rentals are for two hours. Up to three households may attend at the same time. Masks are required when not eating, and all County and State guidelines will be enforced. Rentals are available at haywardRec.org/Register.

Items for the calendar can be emailed to jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557.

Schools: Safety protocols in place

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one alternative school, and one adult school.

"The amount of effort and energy that has brought us to this moment is truly staggering," Superintendent Mike McLaughlin said in a written statement. "Our school buildings are ready, our safety protocols are in place, and our staff will be prepared to serve our students who are ready and able to return after the break. I have always known that the staff in San Leandro Unified is exceptional and they have again proven that this district is a very special place for our students and families."

Full-time distance learning will always remain an option, McLaughlin said. A survey of parents conducted by the school district earlier this year found as many as 70 percent of families in San Leandro prefer to keep their kids at home and continue with distance learning.

"We know that families are anxious to hear the details about hybrid learning, whether or not your family will be returning to in-person instruction," McLaughlin said. "There will be many details and changes coming, including ways you can opt-in or out of hybrid learning, so you will need to stay connected to ParentSquare more than ever. We will also be sharing a hybrid learning guide for our families that will help our community prepare for the changes that are coming on April 12."

The school district said it will now move quickly to implement reopening plans that have long been in development.

Between March 31 and April 2, the teachers and staff will participate in preparation exercises before the district's scheduled Spring Break from April 5 to 9. During those three days, all students will have "asynchronous instruction" or classwork that may or may not require a teacher to be present. This allows teachers and staff to reset their classrooms and prepare for reopening, the district said.

Starting April 12, students will be split into two groups and return to classrooms for a minimum of two days per week. When not in the classroom, distance learning will be the norm for off-campus days and for all students one day per week, likely on Wednesdays according to the district's plan. This allows for thorough cleaning and disinfection of school sites.

If there are fewer students opting to return per staff member, those students will come to school four days per week, according to the district plan.

In the meantime, school administrators are communicating with students, staff, and families outlining the safety and hygiene

requirements of returning to school. In a series of videos, elementary school principals are welcoming back their students with health and safety guidelines.

"When we come back it might be pretty exciting to see all of your friends and teachers in person that you haven't seen for quite a while, but remember we must stay six feet apart at all times," said Jefferson Elementary Principal Judith Alcalá in her video. "That means no hugging, no handshakes, and no standing, walking, or sitting close together. School life will be very different, but we are confident you will begin to get used to this new normal to continue keeping our school open."

Department of Toxic Substances Control

March 2021

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FIVE-YEAR REVIEW REPORT

Former Hudson ICS Site

400 Polar Way (former 400 Hudson Way) San Leandro, California 94577

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this notice to inform the community that a Five-Year Review for the Former Hudson ICS Site (Site) was approved by DTSC on February 2, 2021.

Hudson Lumber Company owned and operated the facility from 1906 to 1998. Lubricating oil and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) were historically used at the facility to manufacture pencil slats for use in the production of wooden pencils. The sawing operations at the Site closed in 1998 and packing stopped in 1999. The Site contained several underground fuel storage tanks which were either removed or closed in place. The building structures were demolished in 2002, and the site was graded in preparation of redevelopment.

Initially, TCA and related compounds, and residual fuel oil, characterized as Bunker C oil, were detected in groundwater in a limited area of the Site. Soil sampling showed that soil was not contaminated. A Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for groundwater was approved in 2005. The removal action included institutional controls (which limits the use of groundwater in the area where Bunker C oil was detected) and groundwater monitoring. As part of the implementation plan, groundwater monitoring was conducted to assess the progress of natural attenuation (natural decrease) of contaminants in groundwater.

The site was purchased in 2013, with grading and construction of a new cold storage warehouse facility in the third quarter of 2013. An Operations and Maintenance Agreement between the DTSC and the new owner was executed in November 2013. The existing warehouse facility was completed and opened for business in June 2014.

The Five-Year Review Report details activities that have taken place at the Site in the last five years, including: analyzing groundwater elevations; semi-annual chemical analysis for contaminants of concern; and submission of technical reports to the DTSC. Files are available in the information repository located at the DTSC file Room, 700 Heinz Street, Suite 200, Berkeley, California 94710. You may also find project-related documents online at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public (type '1240035' in the search bar and click on Hudson ICS to bring up documents for the Site).

Current groundwater monitoring data indicate that concentrations of the nine site-related constituents of concern have dropped below the groundwater cleanup goals specified by the 2005 RAW. Based on review of data collected to date, the review of site reports documenting the investigations and groundwater monitoring, the remedy is protective of human health and the environment.

Contact Information

For site information: Nathan Unangst, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3760 or by email at Nathan.Unangst@dtsc.ca.gov
For community outreach: Alejandro Vivas, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (510) 540-3911 or Alejandro.Vivas@dtsc.ca.gov

For media inquiries: Russ Edmondson, Public Information Officer, at (916) 323-3372 or Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov



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Forum: 'While we fight the mental struggle, they turn a blind eye'

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discouraged, a student said.

"In the Filipino community it's really hard to speak up about your mental health," said Rachel Arcadio. "When we're too anxious or emotionally upset to open a book when they tell us to (at school), and not function like mindless robots, then they say we're crazy. While we fight the mental and physical struggle that comes with the pandemic, then they turn a blind eye."

Student Kaila Williams took her turn to recite a poem she wrote about Steven Taylor. A few teachers joined the discussion too. Math teacher Kristina Chan said that Steven Taylor and others are gone because we ignore mental health.

"Our society chooses not to look at mental health," Chan said. "Mental health won't be prioritized unless we speak up about it."

Many of the student speak-

ers were not in a hurry to go back to school while the pandemic is still going on. A student who lives with her grandparents said the school board's decision to return was based on money because the school district gets more money from the state to return to class.

"Having to go back makes me feel like a science experiment, like a lab rat," said Laila, a senior. A student named Lynlyn said the high school needs to do more for students' well being.

"The school doesn't help students who struggle with mental health, instead it chooses discipline," Lynlyn said.

Lynlyn, who is Asian, brought up the shootings in Georgia where mostly Asian women were shot and killed, and the police captain who described the shooter as "having a bad day."

"That's not having a bad day," Lynlyn said. "Steven Taylor was having a bad day and he's no longer with us, is he? Now, you can put the pieces together."

The forum was presented by the San Leandro High School's Social Justice Academy.

If there's a question that could be raised it's the social justice movement's call for the conviction of Officer Jason Fletcher, who shot and killed Steven Taylor. Doesn't justice mean that everyone is entitled to a fair trial before deciding whether or not you're guilty? Maybe that could be a topic for further discussion.

The forum showed the students' caring and consideration for one another, and that they are dealing with the real problems

facing society, both locally and nationwide.

The students' remarks focused on their own experience and the people they know. Unlike the older generation of Americans, their views aren't so easily shaped by what's on TV.

Addie Kitchen, Steven Taylor's grandmother (who the students call Grandma Addie), was present too, and she thanked all the students.

"My heart is full and I thank you guys so much for all your love and support and being there and helping fight for justice," Kitchen said. "I just want to let you young people know I am so impressed. I thank you and I love you."



San Leandro High student Lynlyn gave her perspective on the virtual forum last week.



Student Zaiquri Rushing joined the virtual forum last Thursday along with other high school students.

Attacks: Outrage over attacks

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to come together and speak up against hate and racism. Remember, if you see something say something and let's make sure our Asian community knows that we will not tolerate any acts of hate against them."

Additionally, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced the creation of a special response unit focused on crimes against Asians, and particularly older Asians.

Stop AAPI Hate, a coalition created last year to address anti-Asian racism, said this week that businesses, the government, and community need to support victims and families affected by

these incidents and work together to create long-lasting solutions that empower our communities with resources, support, and education.

"We are outraged by the disturbing incidents we've seen where Asian American elders have been attacked in the San Francisco Bay Area. These violent assaults have a devastating impact on our community as they are part of an alarming rise in anti-Asian American hate during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Manjusha Kulkarni, Executive Director of Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council.

The trend, according to Sgt. Kelly is to target those most vulnerable such as seniors who often

are reluctant to report crimes to law enforcement.

"This might be an elderly person, often a grandmother who carries cash or valuables because they pay with cash when they shop and they may not go to banks," Sgt. Kelly said.

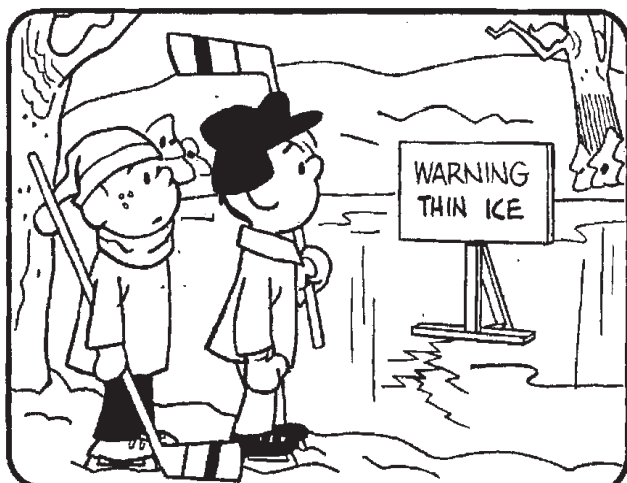
Chinese are the largest ethnic group (42.2%) that report experiencing hate, according to national statistics gathered by Stop AAPI Hate, followed by Koreans (14.8%), Vietnamese (8.5%), and Filipinos (7.9%). Businesses are the primary site of discrimination (35.4%), followed by public streets (25.3%), and public parks (9.8%). Online incidents account for 10.8% of the total incidents.

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BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

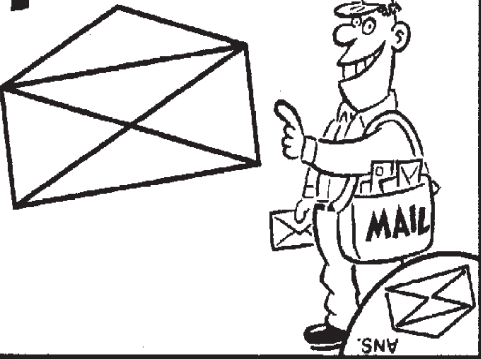


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Sign is different. 2. Stick is different. 3. Cracks in ice are gone. 4. Mitten is shorter. 5. Skates are different. 6. Cracks in ice are added.

PUZZLE CARD



PUZZLE CARD: Postman Pete challenges you to draw the above envelope using one continuous line that never crosses itself at any point.

TWO QUICKIES! (1) The gym teacher wanted the boys and girls to line up as follows: Behind each boy would be a girl and behind each girl would be a boy. What is the smallest number of children needed to do this? (2) What two-digit number is equal to twice the product of its digits?

Answers: (1) Two. One girl and one boy standing back to back. (2) 36. The product of its digits (3 times 6) is 18. Two times 18 equals 36.

ANIMAL PAIRS: In the diagram at right we have 14 words that we want you to pair to form seven two-syllable words of varying lengths. The words on the left provide the first syllable and the ones on the right the second syllable.

A good way to start is to take the top word at the left, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two. Move to the second word, etc.

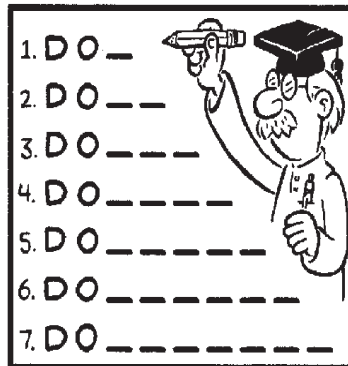
1. CAT | MAN
2. BIRD | SKIN
3. DOG | CALL
4. FISH | FLY
5. BEAR | TROT
6. DEER | EYE
7. FROG | SHOT

Answer: Catcall, birdshot, dogtrot, fisheye, bearskin, deerfly, frogman.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



DO-AS-I-DO STEPWORDS

PROFESSOR Wordsworth has a word test for you. He wants you to find seven progressively longer words all beginning with DO (see left).

The following definitions should help you pass this quiz:

1. A four-legged pet.
2. Gloomy.
3. Heads, in slang.
4. Golf course feature.
5. Type of tree.
6. Game played with 28 blocks.
7. Places for boats.

Time to beat: 5 minutes.

1. me. 2. Domes. 3. Domes. 4. Dogleg. 5. Dogwood. 6. Domes. 7. Dockyards.

LIFESTYLE



Passover's Culinary Traditions

The holiday that the most American Jews celebrate is, unquestionably, Passover. The celebration, which begins at sundown this Saturday, is also the one that brings out the most hand-me-down recipes.

The Seder dinner, held on the first night, is the principal ceremony of the festival – a time to remember ancient sagas; the deliverance of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, and also a moment to recall personal family sagas.

Special dietary laws are observed during Passover. All leavened food or any leavening ingredients are forbidden as well as grain or cereal products.

QUICK SPICY ROASTED CHICKEN

1 (3-pound) whole chicken
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon dried basil
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Rinse chicken thoroughly inside and out under cold running water and remove all fat. Pat dry with paper towels.

Put chicken into a small baking pan. Rub with olive oil. Mix the salt, pepper, oregano, basil, paprika and cayenne pepper together and sprinkle over chicken.

Roast the chicken in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Lower the oven to 400°F and continue roasting to a minimum internal

temperature of 165°F, about 40 minutes more. Let cool 10 to 15 minutes and serve. Serves 8.

PASSOVER ZUCCHINI FRITTATA

1-1/2 pounds fresh zucchini
1 chopped onion
3 tablespoons oil
5 matzos
5 eggs (or egg whites equal to 5 eggs)
1-1/4 cups grated Cheddar cheese
1 cup cottage cheese
1 teaspoon salt
Parsley for decoration

Heat oven to 350°F; grease a 13x9-inch baking pan and set aside.

Peel and grate zucchini; place in medium-size pan. Add onion and oil; saute over high heat until tender.

Break matzos and soak in warm water for 5 minutes. Squeeze dry. Mix eggs, cheeses and salt, then mix with sauteed zucchini and onions. Stir in matzos and mix until ingredients are well combined. Spread mixture evenly in prepared pan and bake for approximately 50 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

MATZO BALL SOUP

For the soup:

1 (5-pound) chicken

2 large celery stalks, chopped
2 large carrots, cut in chunks
1 onion, quartered
3 sprigs parsley
Salt and pepper, to taste

Matzo Balls:

4 eggs, lightly beaten
4 tablespoons chicken fat (from the above soup)
1 cup matzo meal
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 cup hot water
12 cups salted water

Wash the chicken with water and place in pot. Cover with water and bring to a boil over high heat, skimming off bubbling foam as it forms. Add celery, carrots, onion, herbs, salt and pepper and simmer, half-covered at lower heat, for at least 45 minutes, until the chicken comes away easily from the bone. Pour soup through strainer to get a clear broth. Let cool. When broth has completely cooled, skim off the fat and save for the matzo balls.

In a bowl, mix together 4 eggs and 4 tablespoons chicken fat. Stir in the matzo meal and salt. Add the 1/4 cup of hot water. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Form the matzo dough into balls the size of walnuts. Bring the salt-

ed water to a boil. Add the matzo balls, cover, and cook for 20 minutes.

Bring the chicken broth to a simmer. Remove matzo balls from hot water with a slotted spoon and add to the simmering chicken broth just a few minutes before serving.

TZIMMES

9 medium carrots, peeled
4 sweet potatoes
6 ounces bite-size pitted prunes
1 cup dried apricots
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/3 cup fresh orange juice
1/4 cup honey
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2-1/2 teaspoons orange zest
1/4 teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 350°F. Cut carrots into 2-inch pieces. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil, and lower heat to medium; add sweet potatoes in their skins, and cook for 20 minutes, adding the carrots after 10 minutes. Drain in a colander, and set aside until cool enough to handle.

Peel sweet potatoes, and cut into 1-inch chunks. Place in a large bowl along with carrots and remaining ingredients. Mix well, and transfer to a 2-quart baking dish.

Cover with foil, and bake for 30 minutes, basting with pan juices after 15 minutes. Remove from oven, and serve immediately.

Yields 10 servings.

PASSOVER MUFFINS

1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup peanut oil
1-1/2 cups boiling water
2 cup matzo meal
4 eggs

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Mix sugar, salt, oil and water in a saucepan and bring to full boil. Pour mixture over matzo meal and mix until well blended. Beat eggs thoroughly and add. Using wet hands, form mixture into small balls and drop into ungreased muffin tins.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, lower temperature to 350°F and bake for 50 minutes until golden brown.



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REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Low Appraisals Wreak Market Havoc

Recent statistics reveal that the number of homes for sale nationally is running approximately 50% lower than the same time last year. This unprecedented situation has buyers scrambling to find homes and fighting tooth-and-nail to get a contract accepted on one of the few properties available.

In this unprecedented environment with multiple offers on almost every listing, buyers will do almost anything to land a contract. One of the most prevalent tactics is to submit offers with all contingencies removed.

Normally, a buyer's offer includes contingencies for their loan, appraisal and inspections. Since most sellers are providing full disclosures and inspection reports up front, many buyers feel comfortable removing their inspection contingency. Additionally, with lenders going to extra lengths to pre-approve their buyers, many buyers do

not hesitate in removing loan contingencies as well.

The real rub comes with the appraisal contingency for properties on which a buyer needs to procure a loan. Even with properties that are fairly priced based on past closed sales, it is not uncommon to see multiple offers drive the purchase prices of new listings to dramatic new heights.

In many cases, the offered prices are significantly above comparable sales, which in turn makes the requisite appraiser's task incredibly difficult.

While some appraisers understand the increasing market and try to justify soaring prices, others are not comfortable with the new reality and provide valuations more in line with previous sales.

This difference in appraisal styles adds confusion to the market and increases the difficulty for buyers determining how high they might go for any given property.

As an example, if a property is listed at \$500,000 but a buyer offers \$600,000, they are \$100,000 over the asking price. If they have an 80% loan approval and are putting 20% down, their loan will be \$480,000 and the down payment \$120,000. If the property only appraises at \$500,000, then the lender will only provide 80% of the appraised value: \$400,000. This means that a buyer needs to be able to provide a down payment of \$200,000 to make the deal work.

If the buyer has the extra cash, the deal can proceed. If a buyer, eager to score a deal, writes a non-contingent offer and does not have the extra cash, the deal may collapse and the buyer could forfeit their deposit.

These are tough times indeed, and once again underscores the age-old saying, "Buyer beware."

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The open and airy floor-plan flows easily from room to room creating wonderful entertaining spaces. The main home features 2 bedrooms and one full bath, spacious living room with a vaulted ceiling, fireplace and built-ins. Additional features include a formal dining room and an updated eat-in kitchen with a charming built-in breakfast nook. The large attic offers expansion potential and the detached studio features a full bathroom and offers countless potential uses!



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Controlling Aphids; Pellet Use in Soil

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Do aphids lay eggs in the dirt? I know that they are found on the stems and leaves of plants. Do I also need to treat the soil? This year, I'm looking to get an early start in controlling them.

Soil treatment is not necessary in controlling Aphids, which are slow-moving, above-ground insects. But they can develop wings and fly.

Ants have been known to ferry them around, as their secretions are a food source for them. They're problematical on roses and other plants in the spring and again maybe in the fall on camellias and a few other plants.

They feed on the plant sugar produced in the phloem tissue of the soft new growth. Chemicals found in these fluids stimulate the reproduction rate; hence, the population can go from a few to hundreds overnight.

With few exceptions, the spring and summer aphids are almost exclusively wingless females. The males are found in the fall, and this is when mating

occurs.

The high population count can lead to the aphids competing with each other for food. This results in the host plants rapidly being depleted of their sap. At this time, the Aphid hormones trigger the production of winged Aphids so they can move on and establish new populations.

The females don't lay eggs. Instead, they give birth to young females who mature quickly. In the fall, winged females and males are born. They find suitable mates, and the females lay eggs on perennial host plants, where they then overwinter. These eggs carry on the family tree, producing next year's first batch of wingless females.

Aphids are soft body insects, so they're easy to control with various organic and non-organic solutions. There are natural predators, such as ladybugs and praying mantis. They are the most successful when released when the aphids are present.

Horticultural Oils such as Neem Oil or insecticidal soap are organic solutions that are reapplied as necessary. Again the aphids need to be present. Systemic rose care products are applied before the aphids show



up and last for six weeks, so you can effectively prevent the problem from occurring.

You'll also find systemic products also combine fertilizer and or rose disease control so you can do multiple tasks with one application. Aphids should be showing up at any time now. I'd have my preferred solution ready and be on the lookout for the first sign of their arrival.

Can polystyrene or Styrofoam pellets be mixed into soil for better aeration? I did not know if they're toxic when used around vegetables. I'm just trying to recycle.

I'm not aware that there is an issue with the polystyrene or Styrofoam pellets in soil or soil mixes. It's more typically used at the bottom of containers instead of rock to lighten a container's overall weight. They take a very long time to break down.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com.



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The Future of Gardening: Information and Inspiration

Gardening saw record growth in 2020 and experts expect many more people will be digging in the dirt again this spring. From "Victory" vegetable gardens to balcony containers, outdoor gathering spaces and mood-lifting landscapes, gardening is providing an outlet during the pandemic. Research conducted late last year found that 86% of homeowners plan to continue gardening in 2021. Nearly half of respondents say they'll be planting more and expanding their garden spaces this spring. With all that expansion and enthusiasm comes the need for inspiration and advice.

Help for beginners

One source provides both inspiration and advice, with a goal of helping people feel more successful in their gardening endeavors. The National Garden Bureau was founded in 1920 in the wake of World War I, when an increasing number of suburbanites needed basic backyard gardening instruction. The nonprofit organization's mission is to provide education to motivate people to enjoy plants, from indoor houseplants to outdoor gardens.

Try something new

How do they do it? One way is with their 'Year of' program. Each year the National Garden Bureau selects one annual, one perennial, one bulb crop, one edible and one shrub as their 'Year of the crops.' "Our 'Year of' program puts a spotlight on timely, interesting varieties," says Diane Blazek, executive director of NGB. "Plants are chosen because they are popular, easy to grow, widely adaptable and versatile."

One of the more popular picks for 2021 is The Year of the Sunflower. "If there was ever a time where we needed



to add some sunshine to the world, it's now," adds Blazek. "Sunflowers add bright, cheery color to the garden, and they're extremely easy to grow. They're simple to start from seed, or you can purchase new potted varieties that promise multiple blooms throughout the season." 2021 is also the Year of the Green Bean, Hardy Hibiscus, Hyacinth and Monarda.

A look into the future

"A big trend we've seen in our Future of Gardening survey is all about creating beautiful spaces," says Blazek. "Planting sunflowers, hibiscus, hyacinth, monarda and other easy-to-grow flowers can help add color and curb appeal, but they also add natural beauty to outdoor gathering spaces, another COVID-19 world trend." Food gardens are also hot, especially with newer gardeners. "History shows that when there's a national crisis, there is an increased interest in edible gardening," she says. "That's why we're including more info on growing vegetables."

Learn from the experts

NGB's members are horticulture experts who know gar-

dening. The curated information the organization provides comes directly from those sources, offering new and experienced home gardeners advice they can count on to create great garden spaces. "The increased interest in gardening is great news,"

adds Blazek. "Our goal as an industry is to keep people engaged in gardening even beyond this season. We feel an even greater need to provide quality information for new gardeners and exciting ideas for gardeners who want to take their experience to the next level. NGB is a great resource for everyone."

New plants for 2021

A popular area of NGB's website is the New Plants section. In addition to searching by name, visitors to NGB.com can search by plant category, type and height to find the perfect variety for their garden. NGB.com also provides inspiration for plant combinations, delicious new vegetable varieties and tips to keep plants thriving throughout the season.

Need more information or inspiration for your garden this year? Visit NGB.org.

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Mortgage Rates Continue to Inch Up

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage continued to rise last week, averaging 3.09 percent, up from 3.05 percent the previous week. A year ago at this time it averaged 3.65 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.40 percent, up from 2.38 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.79 percent, up from 2.77 percent.

"As expected, mortgage rates continued to inch up but are still hovering around three percent, keeping interested buyers in the market," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "However, residential construction has declined for two consecutive months and given the very low inventory environment, competition among potential homebuyers is a challenging reality, especially for first-time homebuyers."



Weeding

If predicted rains actually materialize this week, pulling weeds will be a much easier job. Weeding with bare hands is best, but use gardening gloves if your working around roses, briars or plants with sharp leaves. Grab a handful of weedy growth close to the ground and pull up with the roots. If the roots don't give, use a narrow trowel to loosen the soil a little more. Shake dirt off the roots and put the weeds in the compost bin.

Best Buys

With fresh stock arriving for spring planting, everything in the nursery or garden center is a good buy. Look for vegetables and flowering annuals in six-packs and 4-inch pots.

Roses

Feed roses heavily to ready them for their long blooming season. Water first, then apply the fertilizer, then water again. As soon as they begin blooming, prune spent blossoms down to the first five-part leaf to gently shape the plant. Continue to feed lightly and water through the summer. Apply a thick mulch to conserve water and to keep the plant healthy.



Louise Lovewell presents a \$500 check from Bay East Association of Realtors to Dig Deep Farms.

Louise Lovewell Honored with 'Good Neighbor of Year Award'

Castro Valley Realtor Louise Lovewell has been honored with the "2021 Good Neighbor of the Year Award" from the members of the Bay East Association of Realtors, an organization of more than 5,500 real estate professionals.

A member of the association since 1979, Lovewell was cited for her continuing support of Building Futures for Women and Children, a shelter program for homeless women and children which she helped found in 1986, and her active involvement with other charitable organizations.

She also volunteers with Dig Deep Farms, Western Service Workers Association, Washington Elementary School and St. Leander Church.

Over the years, Lovewell's real estate team has held canned food drives in November for the Alameda County Food Bank and has assisted in many other community programs. The team includes Katie Lovewell, Elena Hupke, Nathaniel VanDyke,



BAY EAST PHOTO

Louise Lovewell
"2021 Good Neighbor of the Year"

Cecile Lawrence and Bridget Koopen. Lovewell was nominated for the award by her officer manager, Judy Rose. The agency is located at 3327 Castro Valley Boulevard.

Bay East contributed \$500 to Building Futures for Women and Children and \$500 to Dip Deep Farms in her honor.

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1737 Grove Way	94546: \$735,000 3 BD - 1,610 SF - 1964
2242 Farley Street	94546: \$770,000 3 BD - 1,287 SF - 1947
20640 Summercrest Dr	94552: \$810,000 3 BD - 1,443 SF - 1998
18239 Reamer Road	94546: \$810,000 2 BD - 1,094 SF - 1947
18820 Lenross Court	94546: \$1,025,000 3 BD - 1,252 SF - 1954
18922 Crest Avenue	94546: \$1,140,000 2 BD - 1,229 SF - 1949
4723 Sorani Way	94546: \$1,150,000 3 BD - 1,869 SF - 1963
21561 Knoll Way	94546: \$1,150,000 3 BD - 1,757 SF - 1955
5651 Cold Water Drive	94552: \$1,172,000 4 BD - 1,669 SF - 1965
5821 Charter Oaks Dr	94552: \$1,175,000 3 BD - 1,645 SF - 1988
6354 Boone Drive	94552: \$1,430,000 3 BD - 3,058 SF - 1986

TOTAL SALES: 11

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$735,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,140,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,430,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,033,363

San Leandro

516 Blossom Way	94577: \$432,000 3 BD - 2,000 SF - 1940
444 Caliente Drive	94578: \$450,000 2 BD - 1,060 SF - 1980
325 Bowling Green St	94577: \$649,000 2 BD - 1,035 SF - 1941
438 Castro Street	94577: \$659,000 3 BD - 1,152 SF - 1926
14967 Crosby Street	94579: \$700,000 2 BD - 1,404 SF - 1949
3948 Monterey Blvd	94578: \$750,000 3 BD - 1,076 SF - 1954
14633 Darius Way	94578: \$750,000 3 BD - 1,656 SF - 1946
15426 Brunswick Cir	94579: \$760,000 3 BD - 1,590 SF - 1960
775 Dowling Blvd	94577: \$785,000 3 BD - 1,475 SF - 1925
493 Tudor Road	94577: \$800,000 3 BD - 1,873 SF - 1948
251 Accolade Drive	94577: \$810,000 3 BD - 1,599 SF - 2001
3451 Monogram Road	94577: \$820,000 3 BD - 1,769 SF - 2000
16575 Selby Drive	94578: \$825,000 3 BD - 1,193 SF - 1930
3766 Anza Way	94578: \$858,000 3 BD - 1,699 SF - 1954
207 Lexington Avenue	94577: \$862,500 3 BD - 1,285 SF - 1940
15075 Crosby Street	94579: \$880,000 3 BD - 1,305 SF - 1948
685 Sybil Avenue	94577: \$900,000 2 BD - 1,254 SF - 1944
2182 San Remo Court	94578: \$981,000 3 BD - 1,642 SF - 1964
13031 Neptune Drive	94577: \$1,165,000 3 BD - 1,646 SF - 1957

TOTAL SALES: 19

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$432,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$800,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,165,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$780,868

City Offers Free Rides for COVID Vaccinations

The City of San Leandro will offer all San Leandro residents ages 60 and over free rides-on-demand transportation to receive COVID-19 vaccinations in Alameda County through its Flex Rides program.

Alameda County seniors are currently a priority to receive the vaccination as part of California's Phase 1B distribution plan. The city has heard from its residents a desire to access the many Alameda County vaccination sites, but many have said that they lack access to senior-friendly transportation to get there.

San Leandro residents can

utilize the transportation services by becoming a member of the FLEX RIDES Program. Residents are invited to call 510-577-3462 or email SLRec@sanleandro.org to join.

Vaccine appointments are available for people with a high chance of exposure, high-risk, and those 65 or older. Residents can sign up at www.myturn.ca.gov or call (833) 422-4255.

San Leandro was the first to ask for the opportunity to use its Alameda County Transportation Commission funds for same-day rides-on-demand services to subsidize these vaccine-related

rides. The city is home to approximately 12,000 seniors over the age of 60.

"We want to do our part to help aging San Leandro residents get access to the vaccine," said Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter. "As the San Leandro Mayor and Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission, I understand the practical power of these intergovernmental relationships and how they can serve our community—especially in the time of crisis."

San Leandro's Flex Rides is an on-demand program funded by the Alameda County Transporta-

tion Commission (ACTC) and in partnership with GoGo Grandparent. ACTC uses Measure B/BB revenue to subsidize rideshare trips for members needing to travel to specific locations or locations outside of San Leandro. It is free to join.

Members will receive up to four one-way trips to receive the COVID vaccine at no charge with proof of vaccination appointments. Regular trips for Flex Rides members receive a \$20 subsidy.

"This is a creative solution for our priority senior population with limited transportation

abilities to get vaccinated," said Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan. "I hope other cities with senior transportation programs will follow suit and get all of our seniors vaccinated from this deadly virus."

Mayor Cutter added, "We are thankful to Supervisor Wilma Chan and State Senator Nancy Skinner for championing senior programs in Alameda County. Their work helps ensure that our local seniors can access the vaccine they need to protect their health and that vital transportation services remain fully funded."

Volunteer at Dig Deep Farms

Volunteer at this all-ages community service event with local non-profit institution Dig Deep Farms, 16276 East 14th St., in honor of César Chavez Day on Saturday, March 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Registration is required. Email Patty Mallari at pmallari@sanleandro.org to register or for more information, or call 510-577-3971. Volunteers will get a behind-the-scenes look at how Dig Deep Farms operates, get their hands dirty planting seeds, pulling weeds and make new friends.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Housing Proposal Could Be a Solution

Editor:

The proposal for social housing by two Bay Area assembly members may be the solution or at least part of the solution to our housing crisis.

Most other developed countries have much more social or public housing. In Europe, it's between 20 and 30 percent, Israel 50 percent and Singapore over 80 percent. Here, it's less than 5 percent thanks in large part to Nixon and Reagan.

To be honest, public housing did have problems in the early years of LBJ's war on poverty.

One major mistake was building apartments with four and five bedrooms, encouraging large families where the kids were often unsupervised while the parent or parents were working.

Another major problem was only renting to low income people. Today the thinking is to create apartments that are smaller and require mixed income residents which provide role models for the kids from poorer backgrounds such as teachers, nurses, police and fire fighters in the tenant mix.

We have a shortage of 3 million housing units in the state which dramatically affects rents which are often over 50 percent of renters income.

Social Housing along with developments by non-profits could be the solution. As Barbara Ehrenreich the famous social critic and writer likes to say "our low wage workers are the real philanthropists of our age," and social housing may be how we can honor them for all they give us.

—Craig Williams
San Leandro

Install Lightning Rods to Prevent Wildfires

Editor:

Last summer more than 10,000 lightning bolts hit California and

caused severe fires. Having lightning rods can help in preventing some fires and their horrible damages in property, human lives, beautiful nature gems, and so on.

A lightning rod protects a structure from a lightning damage by catching a lightning bolt and guiding its current harmlessly into the ground.

A lightning rod can help in preventing a fire resulting from a lightning strike in open, dry, vegetation areas, and in forests. Some of the worst fires in the history of California occurred last year due to lightning. The costs associated with fire damages are inconceivable, especially as the fires are getting more and more severe each year.

I hope to have the government act in this regard. Yes, it will cost a lot of money. It will necessitate cooperation among governmental bodies and citizen groups with different and even opposing interests. In a time that many people are out of work, we can expect a lot of jobs building these lightning rods. It will take a lot of time but can we really wait?

—Israel Gamzo
San Leandro

More Information Needed on Vaccines

Editor:

My name is Yaneli, I am a student at San Leandro High School and this letter is for a project for my biology class.

I am writing to you because I have noticed how in the newspaper you write about important things going on in the community and about the Covid-19 vaccine, but I haven't seen pieces in the newspaper where you write about the contents of the different types of vaccines that have been made so far and the effectiveness of it and the side effects of them.

I believe it is important for our

community to know more about the Covid-19 vaccines and get as much information as they can because when people know more about something especially about this they'll be more encouraged to look into getting vaccinated.

Also it's very important for everyone to know that the vaccine is safe although there have been people who have gotten reactions to the vaccine, but only a few percentage of people have gotten bad reactions while others were not severe.

From the research I've done so far the new Johnson and Johnson vaccine has an overall efficiency of 72% in the U.S and 64% in South Africa. People should also know that so far the Pfizer and BioNTech mRNA vaccine need to do two doses of the vaccine while the Johnson & Johnson only needs only one dose and it uses a different type of technology than the authorized vaccines, but it's still as effective as the other two vaccines.

I feel like it would be a good thing for you to publish a piece in the newspaper that talks about all three of the new vaccines and especially the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine that was recently approved by the FDA because then the community will know more about all of the vaccines and the options they have when it comes to getting the vaccine.

I believe that this is a good idea and it's important to me because that way when people read the newspaper they'll see an article written about the different vaccines that have been developed and information about them like what each vaccine contains.

So after reading the article they might want to do some research about the vaccines themselves and choose to get the vaccine because when they don't know much information about the vaccine they doubt if the vaccine is effective or not, and if it could harm them.

But knowing more information about the vaccines makes them feel more confident in getting it especially when they know what the contents of the vaccines are. Also, it would be good to include where people could go to get the vaccine which one option is by going to the my turn website and seeing if you're eligible to get the vaccine.

—Yaneli Gonzalez Garcia
San Leandro

City Council: Tell Restaurants to Open Bathrooms

Editor:

My wife and I were ordering take out at Subway in Palma Plaza recently when a young mother, with a toddler no more than 2 years old, asked to use the bathroom for her child who was obviously in dire need. The Subway employee refused, stating it was company policy to have restrooms closed during COVID and she was quite firm about it to the mother.

This seems like overkill to us. Can't the City Council, who told supermarkets how much to pay their clerks, tell fast food places to allow the use of their restrooms at least for small children who are in need. Adults can plan their trips with closed restrooms in mind, but small children cannot.

—Don Siefkes
San Leandro

Recalls Wisdom of Cesar Chavez

Editor:

March 31 is the birth date of Cesar Chavez (3/31/27-4/23/93), co-founder (with Dolores Huerta) of the United Farm Workers. Currently, 10 states celebrate "Cesar Chavez Day": California, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Rhode Island. Many believe that Chavez deserves a National Holiday.

Chavez was a champion of the downtrodden, human and non-human alike. Along with Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr., Chavez was a disciple of Gandhi and his philosophy of non-violence. Chavez was also a vegetarian, for ethical, not health reasons. Following is an excerpt from a letter the great man wrote to me in 1990, words more timely now than ever:

"Kindness and compassion towards all living things is a mark of a civilized society. Conversely, cruelty, whether it is directed against human beings or against animals, is not the exclusive province of any one culture or community of people. Racism, economic deprival, dog fighting and cock fighting, bullfighting and rodeos are cut from the same fabric: violence. Only when we have become nonviolent towards all life will we have learned to live well ourselves."

Words to live by. R.I.P., Cesar. You are sorely missed. Si se puede!

—Eric Mills, Coordinator
Action for Animals, Oakland



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MARCH MADNESS

Budget Task Force Makes Recommendations to City Council

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Building a Navigation Center to help the homeless get back on their feet, improved mental health emergency response, and civilian review of the police topped the list of 11 recommendations the Community Advisory Budget Task Force gave the City Council

on Monday night.

The task force also proposed a “participatory budget process” to involve more citizens in budget decisions in future years.

The council appointed the task force last fall, amidst a structural (long-term) budget deficit, a temporary budget crisis due to Covid-19, and a then-recent

council vote to cut the police department budget by \$1.7 million.

Health care administrator and trainer Rebecca Day-Rodriguez chaired the task force, and fiscal analyst Juan Gonzalez was vice-chair.

The task force was instructed to find ways to cut spending and increase revenue to deal with

the structural deficit, propose equitable ways to deal with the pandemic-induced short-term budget crisis, and to propose the best use for the money cut from the police budget.

The task force’s 28 members mostly did not propose major new taxes and or major budget cuts beyond the \$1.7 million already cut from the police budget by the City Council. But several areas of new spending were proposed, along with proposals that would possibly raise additional revenue for the city.

The task force’s 11 top recommendations were generally endorsed by City Council members who spoke at the online meeting. The council did not vote on the recommendations, as the meeting was a work session and not a regular City Council meeting.

Several task force members, as well as Mayor Pauline Cutter, said that the recommendations were similar to the City Council’s current priorities for the city.

Having mental health emergency services provided by someone other than armed police was a theme of the recommendations. Several speakers at the meeting cited last year’s police shooting death of Steven Taylor as an example of what can go wrong with an armed police response to a mental health emergency.

But several speakers from the public opposed the police cuts, saying that, if anything, more officers should be hired at a time of rising crime.

The task force proposed hiring unarmed public safety ambassadors for downtown and perhaps the Bayfair area. They would try to defuse situations that do not require an armed police response, but call for police if needed.

They also proposed shifting some current police duties now done by sworn officers, among the highest paid city employees, to non-sworn employees or other departments where they could be performed at lower cost.

Other recommendations included hiring mental health professionals to respond to mental health emergencies, something Oakland and Berkeley are currently pursuing; hiring a Development Director to pursue outside grant funding of city programs; increase maintenance of city roads and buildings; tying department performance to its budgeting; and increase funding for natural disaster resiliency.

Proposals for boosting city revenue include promoting economic development, imposing an additional tax on vacant property, raising in-lieu fees charged to developers, and increased collection of existing city fees.



PHOTO BY ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department put out the blaze in just over an hour at West Gate Center.

Blaze Breaks Out at West Gate Shopping Center

Firefighters put out a blaze at the West Gate shopping center on Davis Street on the evening of March 15.

More than 45 firefighters arrived after the fire was reported just before 7 p.m. Smoke billowed from the second floor

windows of the Carpenteria Store where the fire started, according to the Alameda County Fire Department.

The fire was put out in about 70 minutes. There were no injuries. The estimated damage has yet to be determined.

Manor Community Clean-up

Join City Councilman Bryan Azevedo for a community clean-up on Manor Boulevard on Saturday, March 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet at 88 Manor Market at 15056 Farnsworth

St. (corner of Manor and Farnsworth).

Prizes awarded for the top two garbage getters. Gloves, water, snacks, vests and garbage bags will be supplied.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): With change dominant this week, don't be surprised to find new facts emerging that could put another slant on a situation and offer you another choice. Think it through before you decide.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): There could be some lingering problems from a previous matter that involved a decision you felt you had to make. Resolve the situation with your strong Taurean no-nonsense approach.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): The Gemini's carefully made plans could be undone by someone's unexpected decision. Getting the full story behind that surprise move can help you decide how to deal with the matter.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Recently uncovered information might put a new light on a situation you thought had been resolved. Keep an open mind about possible changes that you might have to consider.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): With a potential revision of an old agreement, you can't beat the Big Cat for knowing how to sharpen a "clause" to the best advantage. Someone close could have the news you've been waiting for.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Certain issues in the workplace could put you in the middle of a dispute you'd rather not deal with. Express your honest feelings before the pressure to take sides builds up.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You might feel uneasy disagreeing with someone you've been close to. But your relationship should be able to withstand and even thrive when confronted with your true feelings.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A romantic situation seems to be creating more confusion than you can handle. If so, own up to your feelings. The sooner you do, the better your chances are for working things out.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): With change directing the Archer's aim, consider a second look at your plans and see where they might benefit from a revision. A workplace matter is close to a resolution.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): New contacts help you learn some important information about upcoming developments. The week calls for the Sea Goat to be more flexible than usual in a number of matters.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): With both change and uncertainty in your aspect, you might feel less confident in a previous decision. That's OK. Check it out and see where it could be modified, if necessary.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Old relationships that seemed to be sinking are buoyant again, and new relationships are benefiting from Cupid's loving care. This could be a good time to make a major move.

H.A.R.D. Begins Picnic Table Rentals

The Hayward Area Recreation Dept. began registering park picnic rentals at eight sites last week, including Palomares Park, Alden E. Oliver Park, Birchfield Park, Cannery Park, Greenwood Park, San Felipe Park, San Lorenzo Park and Weekes Park.

Only those with rental permits will be allowed to use the picnic tables. Rentals are for two hours. Up to three households may attend at the same time. Masks are required when not eating, and all County and State guidelines will be enforced.

Rentals are available at haywardRec.org/Register.

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Millie Brogdon

Millie Brogdon, a lifetime resident of San Leandro, went on to be with the Lord on March 23, 2021 at the age of 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas "Bill" Brogdon. Millie is survived by her brother Edward Arthur Newland, daughter Margie Sue Brogdon, and her son Ernest Albert Brogdon. Millie enjoyed needlecraft and books; she was a member to the First Southern Baptist Church of San Lorenzo.

Friends and family are invited to attend her Funeral Service on Wednesday, March 31, at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m. Burial to follow at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward.

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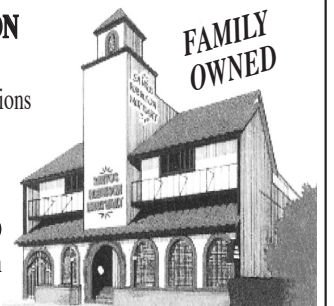
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Prep Football Teams Return to the Gridiron

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Arroyo High Football

Date	Time	Opponent	Field
Sat. March 27	1:30 p.m.	Newark Memorial	Arroyo
Fri. April 2	7 p.m.	Tennyson	Tennyson
Sat. April 10	2 p.m.	American	Arroyo
Sat. April 17	1:30 p.m.	San Lorenzo	San Lorenzo

San Leandro High Football

Date	Time	Opponent	Field
Fri. March 26	7 p.m.	Moreau Catholic	Moreau
Thur. April 1	7 p.m.	Bishop O'Dowd	Burrell Field
Fri. April 9	7 p.m.	Encinal	Burrell Field
Fri. April 16	7 p.m.	James Logan	Logan

San Lorenzo High Football

Date	Time	Opponent	Field
Fri. March 26	7 p.m.	Oakland Military Inst.	TBA
Fri. April 2	3 p.m.	American	San Lorenzo
Fri. April 9	7 p.m.	Alameda	Alameda
Sat. April 17	1:30 p.m.	Arroyo	San Lorenzo



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Dons Tune Up in Alameda

The Arroyo High School football team played a scrimmage against Alameda High on Friday night to get in practice for the upcoming season. The Dons will host Newark Memorial in a game this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. The season that was postponed last fall due to the pandemic has been shortened and moved to the spring, but football season is underway, nonetheless, but fans are not yet allowed in the stands.

Market: COVID safety plans in place

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- No live music or entertainment

- No chairs, tables or other sitting areas

Customers are encouraged to practice further safe practices, including:

- Be sure to thoroughly wash all fresh fruits and vegetables.

- Practice social distancing, do not form lines, and shop quickly to allow others space.

- Wash your hands thoroughly and often, for at least 20 seconds.

- If you are sick, stay home and ask a friend or family member to pick things up for you instead.

- Wash your reusable produce bags between visits.

- Only touch fruit/veggies that you intend to buy or have the farmer pick out your produce.



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